

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Mr. Speaker, Sir, what I want to point out is that if a scheme is launched by the Government on a planned and systematic basis, Malur Taluk gets the benefit. Therefore I am asking whether the Government have a scheme under contemplation and if so, whether they are going to apply it to Malur Taluk.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the Hon'ble Member's supplementary question refers to Malur Taluk I will allow it.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—It is a very general question. This Government has got a plan for rural electrification and any modification or improvement that the Central Government may make will certainly be considered by the State Government with reference to the existing practice and follow it.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—My question is: may I know the scheme which the Government has been following with regard to rural electrification at present?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—The scheme that has been followed all these years is continued.

Power to pass bills by Assistant Engineers.

Q.—8. Sri K. Kotra BASAVANA GOUD (Kudligi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the extent to which the Assistant Engineers of the Public Works Department were authorised to pass bills and issue cheques in the old Mysore State;

(b) the extent of authorisation in the new areas that are merged in the State?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) *Bills for repair works.*—

I. Sub-Division Officer, Mysore.—

Pass and pay all bills for repair works up to Rs. 500.

II. Bills for works other than repairs.—

(1) In the case of works other than repairs, Sub-Divisional Officers may make payment of all first and final bills up to Rs. 500 only (Rupees five hundred only).

(2) In respect of intermediate bills on running accounts the Sub-Divisional Officers may make payments up to Rs. 1,000, every alternate intermediate bill being however submitted to the Division Office.

(3) All final bills on running accounts in the case of works other than repairs will have to be sent to Division Office as usual for pre-audit and payment.

(b) *Bombay area.*—They are authorised to pass bills and issue cheques to the extent of—

(1) Running Account Bills up to Rs. 10,000 without pre-audit subject to the condition that the subsequent bill is not paid without audit by the Division Office.

(2) Petty bills on first and final bill forms.

Hyderabad area.—No special powers in this behalf have been given to Assistant Engineers but the Executive Engineer may empower his Assistant Engineer according to his discretion to pre-audit and pass bills.

Madras area.—Can issue cheques for any amount for Bills pre-audited in the Division Office.

The Assistant Engineers under authorisation by Superintending Engineers may pay first and final bills up to Rs. 500 and Rs. 5,000 in the case of intermediate bills without pre-audit in the Division Office.

Coorg area.—May pass first and final bills up to Rs. 5,000.

May pass work charged pay bills up to Rs. 150.

The above powers are not given to Assistant Engineers stationed at the headquarters of the Division.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಬಸವನಗೌಡ — ಈಗ ಅನಿಷ್ಟಂಟ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರುಗೆ ಗೆ ಕೆಲವು 500 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳವರೆಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಬರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಏರುವುದರಿಂದ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರುಗಳು ಎಗ್ಗಿ ಕ್ಯುಟೀವ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ ಅಫೀಸಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ 3-4 ತಿಂಗಳಾದರೂ ಬಿಲ್ಲುಗಳು ಪಾಸಾಗದೆ ಬಹಳ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಲಿಗಾಗಿ ದ್ವಾರೇಂಬ ಅಂಶ ನರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

*ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡ.—ಅದರಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯದ ಮಾತಾಯಿತು. ಇನ್ನು ಇತರ ಉಪಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಿಲ್ಲದಿರುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಮಾತನ್ನು ಕೇಳಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಈಗ ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಪ್ರಾಂತ್ಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಸಿಸ್ಟೆಂಟ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರುಗಳ ಅಧಿಕಾರವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿ ಒಂದೊಂದು ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದಕಾರಣ ಈ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸಗಳನ್ನೆಲ್ಲ ಸರಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಮತ್ತು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಒಂದೇ ಸಮಾನಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರವಿರುವಂತೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲಹೆ ನೀಡಲು ಒಂದು ಸಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಬೇಕೆಂಬ ವಿಷಯ ಈಗ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದು, ಇದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಮೂವರು ಚೀಫ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರುಗಳನ್ನೂಳಗೊಂಡ ಒಂದು ಸಮಿತಿಯನ್ನಾಗಲೇ ರಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇವರ ಸಲಹೆಗಳು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದನಂತರ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟೆಷ್ಟು ಅಧಿಕಾರಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬಹುದೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

Construction of Taluk Office and Munsiff-Magistrate Court buildings at Bhadravati.

Q.—9. Sri B. MADHAVACHAR (Bhadravati).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether an estimate for construction of Taluk Office and Munsiff-Magistrate Court buildings at Bhadravati is prepared ;

(b) if so, when the sanction for the construction of the said buildings will be accorded ?

A.— Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The possibility of providing funds for these works in the next year's budget will be examined and the estimates can be sanctioned immediately after funds therefor are provided.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಮಾಧವಾಚಾರ್.—ನಾನು ಕೇಳಬೇಕಾದ ಉಪ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳೇನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ.

Bangalore Corporation (Improvement in Water Supply).

Q.—144. Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS (St. John's Hill).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) if they are aware of a meeting held by the Chief Minister in May last to consider the acute shortage in the

supply of water to some areas of the Corporation ;

(b) how far the decisions arrived at the meeting are being implemented ;

(c) whether the assurance given by the Chief Engineer that water supply would be augmented by March 1957, still holds ?

A.— Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) (i) Measures to improve the distribution system in Civil Area.

An estimate for Rs. 33.5 lakhs has been sanctioned for laying 24 C.I. line from C.J.F. to Machalibetta and construction of Zonal Tanks, etc., 216 pipes of 24" size and specials have been collected. Arrangements are being made to start the storage tank works.

(ii) Advancing of Funds to the Corporation to work out the scheme for Rs. 79 lakhs for improving distribution both in City and Civil Area pending receipt of Central assistance in the form of loan asked for by the Corporation.

Action will be taken on receipt of specific resolution from the Corporation agreeing to take the loan as decided at the Meeting.

(iii) Creating a Special Division in the Public Works Department for execution of the work.

The creation of the Special Division is awaiting sanction to the scheme for Rs. 79 lakhs referred to in (ii) above.

(iv) Augmentation of water supply within the Corporation area by sinking a large number of bore wells.

The work of sinking 10 bore wells at a cost of Rs. 46,350 is taken up. No. 1 bore well has been drilled to a depth of 135 ft.

(c) All the works will not be completed by the end of March 1957. Every effort is, however, being made to complete at least such of the works as will help immediately in pumping the increased supply by that date.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Can the Government tell me the reason why for the last seven months no work has been started ?